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## LET'S EXPLORE

Renewal of Summer tour series leads  
motorists to colorful North Jersey

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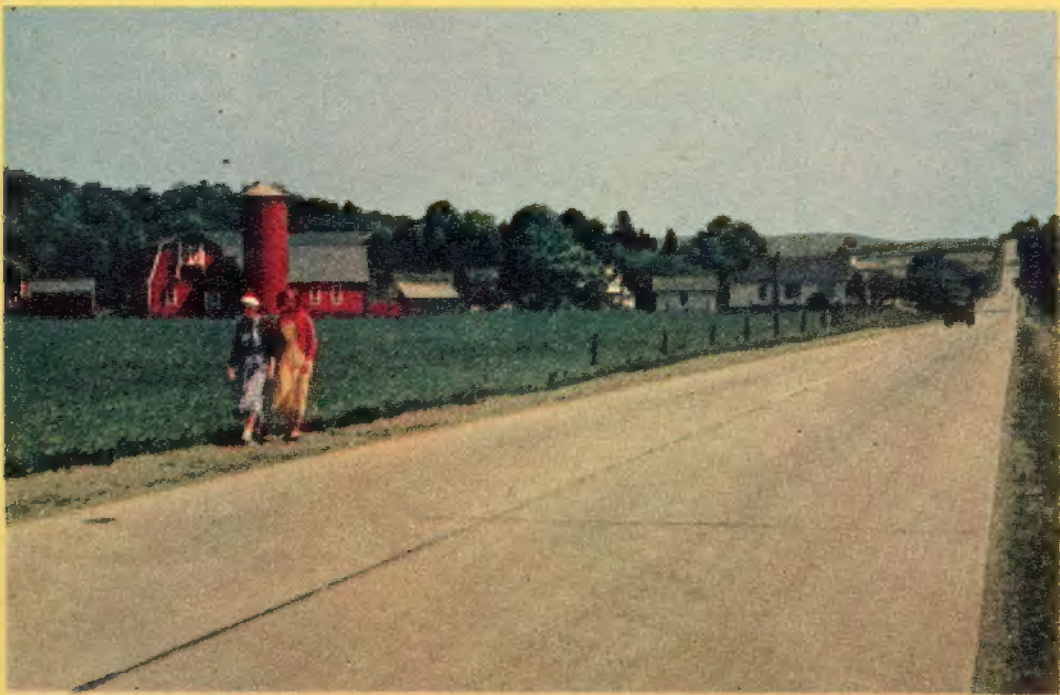


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Typically Sussex is this placid pasture scene on Lafayette-Monroe road, one of the centers of the county's prime dairying industry.



This broad concrete strip of Route 6A north of Sparta is a quick and pleasant way to Northwest Jersey's enchanting pastoral beauty.



Sailboats catch the breeze on Lake Mohawk in the hills at Sparta, one of the more than 80 lakes in Sussex County. (Englebrecht photo.)



A visitor from Madison, Evelyn Behre, waves enthusiastic approval of the colorful roadside sign which expresses the Sussex welcome.

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**T**HE way into Franklin via Lafayette on Route 6A is easily found, but locating the splendidly scenic back road to Ogdensburg requires care. Turn right beyond the railroad bridge at Franklin Zinc Co., then left on Church street to the road on the west side of the pond. Beyond, on this road, pass through the railroad culvert and turn left for Ogdensburg's Main street, where another left turn is made for a block to Edison avenue on the right. This sharply rising road to the old iron mine soon turns to dirt and requires careful driving, but the sight of

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**T**HE Newark Sunday News Magazine presents today the first of its 1951 series of Let's Explore features. For the fourth season's presentation of the award-winning articles a new pictorial format has been adopted.

That spot where Sussex and Morris counties come together among the Bowling Green, Sparta and Hamburg mountains is a fitting choice to start this Summer's series. There, undulating hills are the scenic backdrop for famed Sussex County dairy farms. The blueness of the area's lakes and the greenness of its fields are especially emphasized at this time of year by laurel, spreading lushly away from mountain roadsides. Let's Explore!



## CUNNINGHAM

The pit is reward enough. Just past the mine for the Milton. Turn left on the road beyond swing right at the big Milton crossroad pictured on the motorist must decide: Shall he ride hardtop roads back to the Valley or shall he turn right and take the somewhat

rugged road through quiet woods and laurel spreads?

If the Longwood route is chosen, keep right at the next fork. Today's trip, however, turns right at the barn in the search for the unusual. The road narrows and turns to dirt as it climbs upward and swings left at a fork. This is no road for speed. Paradoxically, on the two miles where the going is worst the laurel is at its best. Soon, however, the road widens and leads between two unspoiled ponds and on to an intersection with Route 6A.



The rough and narrow road back from Milton to Route 6A pays such natural dividends as this pond, where wild flowers grow untouched.



Deep pits near Edison are a striking reminder of sixty years ago when Thomas A. Edison sought in vain to make the iron mines pay.



Mountain laurel spreading in profusion over hilltops surrounding Milton has an enthusiastic admirer in Nancy Behre of Florham Park.



Heater's Pond on the mountain east of Ogdensburg is an intriguing spot. Boulders line its edges and lilies color its quiet surface.